



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

South Texas Health System

Respondent Name

New Hampshire Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-4186-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

August 27, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please submit this claim for the correct allowable per ASC Rule 134.402: Outpatient Hospital Rule 134.03, HCPS's are payable at 200% of the correct fee schedule allowable."

Amount in Dispute: \$23.02

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "ESIS MedBill Impact's Bill Review Department reviewed the above mentioned date of service and found that the provider was not due additional money. It has been determined that ESIS MedBill Impact will stand on the original recommendation of \$510.86."

Response Submitted by: ESIS, P.O. Box 31143, Tampa, FL 33631-3143

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
February 18, 2015	72148	\$23.02	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 sets out the acute care hospital fee guideline for outpatient services.
3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - P12 – Workers compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment
 - 18 – Duplicate claim/service
 - 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained

Issues

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
2. Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

1. This dispute relates to outpatient hospital facility services with reimbursement subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, which requires that the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register with the application of minimal modifications as set forth in the rule. Per §134.403(f)(1), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 200 percent, unless a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement of implantables. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables was not requested.
2. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
 - Procedure code 72148 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC if OPPS criteria are met; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. These services are classified under APC 0336, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$286.41. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$171.85. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.8197 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$140.87. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$114.56. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$255.43. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,775. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$255.43. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$510.86.
3. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$510.86. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$510.86 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. No additional reimbursement can be recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

October , 2015
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.